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Project Review Committee

28 August 1952

Comptroller

Continuation of Machine Indexing Project - O/SI

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1. The subject project submitted by the Office of Scientific Intelligence provides for the continuation of the Machine Indexing phase of the [redacted] Project (O/RN-79-52) into fiscal year 1953 in order to determine whether the new indexing system can be put to a practical application in CIA within a reasonable period of time.

2. The proposal is divided into two parts namely Annex 3, Internal CIA program and Annex 4 External Program at MIT and is broken down as follows:

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a. Annex 2 phase would be administered in CIA by the Organization and Methods Services Office under the guidance of Mr. [redacted] and envisages the creation of a system of machine indexing for experimental operation in O/SI beginning 1 January 1953, and to expand this work in areas of interest to the Office of Research and Reports. If this work develops into a regular information processing operation, it will be transferred to OCD for administration. The plan proposes the employment of a total of 4 Project employees on a contractual basis as follows:

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Project Director (Mr. [redacted])	(10 months at \$600 per mo. \$6,000)
Ass't. Project Director [redacted]	(10 months at 550 " " 5,500)
Research Ass't. (To be assigned)	(10 months at 450 " " 4,500)
Research Ass't. (To be assigned)	(10 months at 400 " " 4,000)

Task Force Personnel: To be detailed by offices concerned
Four Secretarial and Clerical Positions:

(two positions currently filled) Maximum grade GS-6 11,500

Additional Costs:

Travel	2,000
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,500
Total Annex #2	<u>35,000</u>

b. (Annex 4) External Program at [redacted] directed to the construction of a new indexing system to cover the broad field of science and technology. Period 1 July 1952 through 31 December 1952.

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b. (Con't)

25X1A5A1	Personal Services (10 employees)	\$16,190
	Travel	1,500
25X1A5A1	Misc. supplies and [] service	1,300
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	[] overhead (estimated at 45% of salaries) for space, utilities maintenance, insurance, taxes, fiscal services and other general facilities made available to []	
25X1A2D1	Total	<u>7,450</u>
		\$2,500

3. The amount requested in this project, \$67,500, is included in the budget for the fiscal year 1953. Funds for Annex 2, \$35,000 are available from the budget for External Research in the Office of Scientific Intelligence and funds for Annex 4, \$32,500, are available from the budget for the [] project in the Office of Intelligence Coordination.

4. If approved, it is recommended that vouchered funds be used on Annex 2 and that unvouchered funds be used on Annex 4.

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- * For period 1 Sept. 1952 - 30 June 1953. To be paid by [] for period 1 July 1 Sept. 1952 (Included in Annex 4)
- ** Positions to be paid from project funds, but maintained in Personnel Pool to permit regular Agency employment

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